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SUBJECT:COUNSELOR'S MEETING WITH ROMANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN  
MINISTER GLIGA

1. SUMMARY: COUNSELOR NIMETZ HAD CORDIAL 45-MINUTE MEETING WITH GLIGA MAY 31. CONVERSATION CENTERED ON CSCE, SALT AND MBFR. HUMAN RIGHTS AND EMIGRATION WERE COVERED EXTENSIVELY BY DEPUTY SECRETARY (SEPTTEL). COUNSELOR ALSO RAISED DECREE 81 AS POTENTIAL SOURCE OF PROBLEMS FOR EMBASSY AND FOREIGN FIRMS, ESPECIALLY AIRLINES, AND EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT GEORGESCU'S RELEASE. GLIGA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY NICOLAE AND RACEANU; ANDREWS AND SILINS ALSO PARTICIPATED. END SUMMARY.
  2. NOTING THAT LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS AND CSCE WERE ONLY TWO OF MANY AREAS IN WHICH ROMANIA AND US WERE COOPERATING (GLIGA SAID HE HAD MET WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IN NEW
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YORK MAY 27), COUNSELOR SAID GOOD RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US AND BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD WORK TO DEVELOP THEM EVEN FURTHER. GLIGA SAID HE IS ALSO PLEASED AT COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, BUT MOST ESSENTIAL IS DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE RECENTLY SIGNED COAL AGREEMENT AND LOOKED FORWARD TO REACHING A TWO-WAY

TRADE TOTAL OF \$1 BILLION BY 1980.

3. COUNSELOR RAISED DECREE 81, COMMENTING THAT GOOD STATE OF RELATIONS PERMITS US TO DISCUSS EVEN SMALL DIFFICULTIES LIKE THIS. AT THIS STAGE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY FROM THE ROMANIAN SIDE, NOT LESS, YET DECREE 81 SEEMS TO GO AGAINST THAT TREND BY CREATING PROBLEMS FOR THE EMBASSY AS WELL AS FOREIGN FIRMS, ESPECIALLY AIRLINES, THAT WISH TO OPERATE IN ROMANIA. GLIGA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH AMBASSADOR BARNES, WHICH WOULD CONTINUE, AND THAT HE FELT APPLICATION OF DECREE COULD BE WORKED OUT SO AS NOT TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR EMBASSIES IN BUCHAREST. GENESIS OF DECREE 81 WAS NEED FOR UNIFORMITY IN HIRING PRACTICES, SALARIES AND BENEFITS AMONG BUCHAREST EMBASSIES, WHICH IN PAST HAD FOLLOWED WIDELY DIFFERENT PATTERNS.

4. CSCE. GLIGA COMMENTED THAT PRE-BELGRADE ATMOSPHERE HAS IMPROVED IN LAST FEW WEEKS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL SOME DISCORDANT NOTES. HE OUTLINED ROMANIAN APPROACH: STRESS ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION WHICH GOR BELIEVES HAS BEEN RELATIVELY MODEST; NEITHER WHITEWASH NOR CONFRONTATION; UNITARY NATURE OF FINAL ACT; NEED FOR ADOPTION OF MEASURES AT BELGRADE WITH SOME NEW IDEAS AND PROPOSALS DIRECTLY RELATED TO FINAL ACT. COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT OUR APPROACH IS SIMILAR IN MANY WAYS. WE ALSO CONSIDER ACT AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC OPINION AND PRESS TEND TO FOCUS ON BASKET III. WE DO NOT WANT CONFRONTATION.

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TION, BUT WILL SPEAK OUT ON AREAS IN WHICH IMPLEMENTATION HAS NOT BEEN FULLY CARRIED OUT, ALBEIT NOT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO HINDER FUTURE PROGRESS. SOME NEW IDEAS MIGHT BE WELCOME AT BELGRADE, BUT ONLY IF THEY ARE CONCRETE AND PRACTICAL, NOT GRANDIOSE PROPAGANDA SCHEMES. GLIGA SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND PUBLIC INTEREST HERE IN BASKET III, BUT FROM EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE, MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATIONED ON EUROPEAN CONTINENT, WERE OF FIRST PRIORITY.

5. COUNSELOR DESCRIBED IMPORTANCE SALT AND MBFR HAVE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND STEPS PRESIDENT CARTER IS TAKING TO LIMIT SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS. GLIGA RESPONDED THAT ROMANIA IS FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON ARMS CONTROL WITH GREAT INTEREST, BUT PUBLIC OPINION IS WAITING FOR CONCRETE

STEPS. HE HOPED THAT SALT TALKS WOULD LEAD TO REDUCTION

OF LEVELS, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME MOVEMENT IN MBFR.  
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